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OREGON WEATHER

+ Tonight and Wednesday, fair;
+ warmer Wednesday, except near
+ coast. Gentle westerly winds.
+ + + + +

THE TELL-TALE FILM

Movie actors had better be careful
what they say before the camera.
Not that the camera cares, but it
may tell tales.Somewhat of a scandal has been
caused in England by the discovery
that a "Pilgrim's Progress" film is
full of profanity.There had been previously much
criticism of the strong language
characterizing many American pro-
ductions, based on the frequent oc-
currence of profane phrases plainly
printed on the films. But nobody
suspected the depravity concealed in
that pious version of the Heavenly
Pilgrim, until it was shown to the
inmates of a deaf-mute institution.
They could read the lips of the ac-
tors, and what they read on the lips
of the man portraying the part of
"Talkative" filled that asylum with
excitement and indignation.It developed that the actor in
question, who was told to converse
freely during the filming, in order
to make the picture life-like, became
exasperated over something or other,
and filled the place with lurid
and picturesque profanity, all of
which the camera unfailingly treas-
ured up for subsequent revelation.Movie patrons as well as actors
may derive a lesson from this sad
tale. Don't be too sure that the
hero is murmuring words of love or
that the heroine is conversing like a
perfect lady. Learn to read lips,
and see what they're really saying.
It may shatter some fond illusions,
but it will add a new element of in-
terest to the movie shows.

NOT A JOKE

Obviously, Homer S. Cummings,
chairman of the democratic national
committee, mistakes the temper of
the American people when he poo-
pooes the investigation of spruce
production in the Pacific Northwest.
It is part and parcel of the most dis-
graceful failure in this nation's war
preparedness, from top to bottom, is
a stench in the nostrils of America.
At the end of one and one-half years
of preparation, and at the time the
armistice was signed, the war de-
partment had delivered exactly 14
fighting planes in France.The people have not forgotten that
no denial, official or unofficial, has
ever been made to the charges that
nearly \$1,000,000,000 was absolute-
ly wasted. Of course, the old hog-
tied congress did not wish to press
an investigation which was certain
to discredit the war administration.
The present congress is under no re-
straint. Mr. Cummings in his parti-
san zeal forgets that the people who
must pay for the squandered billion,
have the right to know the truth,
however humiliating it may be.—
Portland Telegram.

FRENCH VIEW OF THE LEAGUE

There is a current impression
that the French do not take much
stock in the league of nations.
Whether or not this is true of the
nation in general, it is certainly not
true of Baron d'Estournelles de Con-
stant, member of the French senate,
who is now touring the United

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States. He puts the case of the
league with unusual clearness and
simplicity."The covenant of the league is
very imperfect," he says, "but it is
the end of war. I wish it could have
been better. But I will vote for it
in order to amend it later."If we begin by rejecting it, there
is no use speaking of amending it.
This would be destroying all the
preparations of peace and starting
another war. We could not, in
France, endure this idea. We have
suffered too much."Speaking for his own senate, he
says: "We are bound to ratify it.
Otherwise, what is the consequence?
Another conference? How long
would that take? How many discus-
sions? Another treaty—with
what assurance that the people
would accept it? There is already
too much revolution, anarchy and
bolshivism. We must finish the job
now."An eastern writer says those who
are shouting for immediate, drastic
action against Mexico might do well
to ponder on the question whether,
having just emerged from one war,
we want to get into another right
away. Good advice, yet the Greasers
should be made to respect those Am-
ericans living along the border.If the 600,000 railway employees
are going to strike for the purpose
of bringing down the high cost of
living, let them make haste and the
public will be with them; but if all
they want is another raise in wages,
their action will merely cause more
unrest and general dissatisfaction.Apparently the profiteers and
trusts have a strangle hold on the
public. The president and congress
now have an opportunity to show
what they can do.This is Buyers' Week at Portland.
Are you going?

FLEET AT SAN DIEGO

San Diego, Aug. 5.—The Pacific
fleet is to anchor outside the harbor
at daybreak tomorrow.

Legal Blanks at the Courier.

CAMPERS HAVE GREAT
TIME AT OREGON CAVESMr. and Mrs. A. B. Cornell, accom-
panied by Percy Scovill, Emmett
Hoffman, John Tandy, Miss Bobb
Hawks, W. C. Schuppell and Miss
Edna Cornell, started on a hike for
the famous Oregon Caves, leaving
Caves Camp at 8 a. m. Sunday and
arriving at the Caves at 12 o'clock.
After lunch and a good rest they
were taken in the caves at 1 p. m.
by Guide Rowley, who gave them a
splendid sight-seeing trip for three
hours.On the return trip the party left
the Caves at 4:10 p. m. and arrived
at Caves Camp at 8:30 p. m. Every-
one came in with flying colors, but
more or less tired.Mr. Cornell says he has been in
about all the camps that Josephine
county possesses, but asserts that
Caves Camp is the best yet.Mr. Schuppell is agency supervisor
of the Oregon Life Insurance com-
pany and has much to say regarding
the most unusual forest trail from
Caves Camp to the Caves and the
Caves themselves. He has explored
the famous Mammoth Cave but says
it is nothing compared to the Oregon
Caves and is astonished to know that
Josephine county is not cashing in
on this scenic wonder.The party returned to Grants Pass
with the exception of Miss Hawks
and Miss Cornell, who are continu-
ing the camping trip through the
week."WHERE THERE'S A
WILL THERE'S A WAY"The following notice appeared in
the last issue of the Red Cross Bul-
letin, issued at Seattle; and speaks
highly of the efficient work of the
Red Cross members of this county:
"Williams branch found yarn for
knitting hard to get, so they decid-
ed to make their own. They bought
five fleeces, or 34½ pounds of wool,
and went to work. The wool was
washed, dried, picked and carded.
Three old spinning wheels were
brought down from the attics and
the rolls spun into yarn. The yarn
was then colored and knit into 6
sweaters, 6 pair of wristlets, 8 hel-
mets and 1 scarf. On March 16,1918, they gave an old fashioned
spinning party at Grants Pass, at the
time of the rummage sale, to help
raise money. The spinners were
dressed in old time gowns, and for
five cents showed the younger gen-
eration how to pick, card and spin.
Twenty three dollars was raised in
this novel fashion. The wool used
at this party was found to be enough
for a sweater. This sweater was
knit by the ladies belonging to the
Williams branch and sent to France
to Sgt. Eugene Morrison, the only
boy from Williams who had no moth-
er."—Josephine County, Oregon,
Chapter, Mary D. Canby, Historian.

COMING EVENTS

Aug. 11-29 — Josephine county
teachers' training school.Aug. 23, Saturday—Civil service ex-
amination for postoffice clerk-car-
rier postponed from July 12.

DESPITE GRADING AND PAVING

(Continued from Page One)

Rogue River at Rock Point, are on
the ground and assembling equip-
ment. The bridge will cost \$46,725.Proceeding northward, Commis-
sioner Booth and Engineer Nunn ex-
amined the Sexton mountain sec-
tion. Here is 7.6 miles of grading,
to cost \$123,055. The present grade
is steep and the road winding. A
new location has been made on the
mountain side and the contractor,
J. E. Hildeburn, has his camps es-
tablished and the clearing has com-
menced.This will evidently be the last sec-
tion of the Pacific highway to be
paved. The grading will probably
not be finished before next year, and
the fills will have to lay over a year
before the commission will order the
section paved.Between Wolf Creek and Grave
creek, 4.9 miles contracted for pay-
ing, the Warren Construction com-
pany, whose bid was \$105,528, has
rocked most of the distance and fully
two miles are ready for the "hot
stuff" surface. On the entire high-
way this section is one which will
probably give the state highway com-
mission the most concern. The rea-
son for this is that the grade is nar-
row and will be paved to the stand-
ard width. As a result there is prac-
tically no room for shoulders on the
outside curve and little less for
shoulder on the inside.Heavy traffic can be expected to
break down the edge in the future.
The cost of making a fill to provide
for two-foot shoulders would be
heavy.Good progress is being made on
the grading of Stage Road pass. The
old road through the pass, on the
south side, will be abandoned and
an entirely new grade established.
The graders are now working at the
very apex of the pass, this being
heavy rock work. The distance is
but 2.5 miles, but the job will cost
\$53,220. Joplin & Eldon have this
work.The road built by the state under
the direction of former Highway En-
gineer Bowlby, from the summit of
the pass to Glendale, will be aban-
doned, the commission having se-
lected a direct route. This leaves
Glendale off the highway and saves
about three miles.Work is moving along on the sec-
tion from John's place to Jacque's
place, seven miles, grading and ma-
cadam, for which Joplin & Eldon will
receive \$70,957.From Galesville to Canyonville the
highway runs through Cow Creek
canyon, a gorge which is wild and
picturesque, abounding with game,
and part of a national forest, al-
though none of the trees seen from
the highway are very valuable. John
Hampshire & Co. will complete with-
in two months 10.1 miles of grad-
ing and J. Elmer Nelson will soon
have his one-mile unit finished.
These two jobs aggregate \$252,510.Years ago this was a toll road
and was constantly changing own-
ers. The Canyon creek toll road was
an issue in Oregon politics and the
various contenders for the control of
this pass—where, all the travel north
and south had to go—had their own
candidates for members of the Ore-
gon supreme court, where the issue
was to be decided. The Canyon
creek toll road became a scandal.What Doctors Use
for EczemaA soothing combination of oil of Winter-
green, Thymol, and other healing ingredients
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